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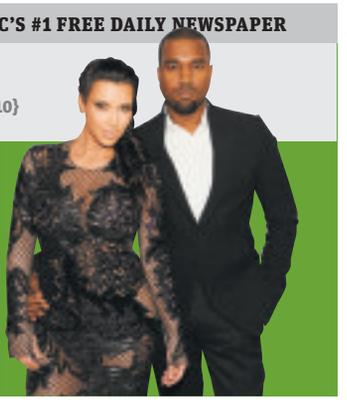

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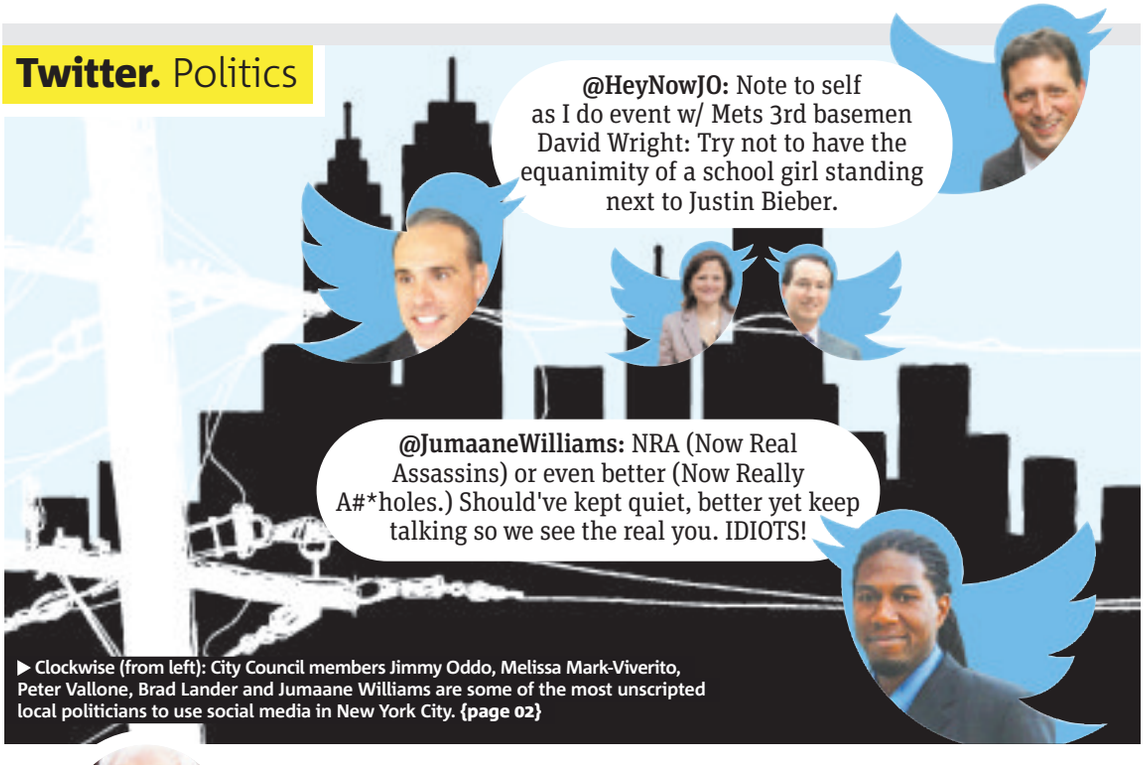
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To tweet or not to tweet?

City councilmembers tweeting for themselves ◗ Some staff worry about controversial tweets ◗ Williams, Oddo, Vallone insist on tweeting their minds

▶ Lander

▶ Williams

▶ Otto

▶ Vallone

▶ Marks-Viverito

A handful of upstart City Council members have taken to the tweets.

Councilmembers from various boroughs are tweeting for themselves, feeds replete with emoticons, LOLs and frequent uses of "dude" and "bro" (the latter mostly from Staten Island Councilman Jimmy Oddo to Brooklyn Councilman Jumaane Williams; the former almost exclusively by Queens Councilman Peter Vallone).

Councilwoman Melissa Marks-Viverito eased into tweeting for herself, but her staff quickly noticed a strong response to the tweets she crafted.

"They refrain from tweeting for me because they like that my voice comes through," she explained.

Some councilmembers' staffers are less at ease about their leader's Twitter usage, however.

"My staff kind of gets worried," admitted Williams, who sees Twitter as "a good way to get a lot of things off your chest."

Vallone's staff also "is occasionally alarmed."

What about Facebook?

Vallone, for one, prefers Facebook. "I find it difficult to content my sarcasm in 140 characters," he said.

Other council members see Facebook as a vital service: Oddo tweeted that Facebook saved lives during Hurricane Sandy.

"Social media was of enormous value," Lander agreed. His staff used Facebook to coordinate the rescue of an elderly couple stranded in Brighton Beach.

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▶ A photo from Vallone's Facebook page

Quoted

"My staff kind of gets worried."
WILLIAMS

"I have a very politically incorrect sense of humor and I'm not going to change after 11 years of public service," he declared.

Councilman Brad Lander, who occasionally tweets for himself, said he's "definitely not the Council's finniest or most clever tweeter," referring Oddo as a candidate for that title.

Oddo's tweets are notorious, ranging from his amiable interactions with Williams ("people say we have a bromance"), quotes from "The West Wing" and the Counting Crows, snarky sports tweets, and occasional rough language.

"For better or for worse, my heart is on my sleeve, it always was and always will be," Oddo said.

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Some top tweets

- **@HeyNowJO:** Note to self as I do event w/ Mets 3rd basemen David Wright: Try not to have the equanimity of a school girl standing next to Justin Bieber.
- **@JumaaneWilliams:** NRA (Now Real Assassins) or even better (Now Really A#*holes.) Should've kept quiet, better yet keep talking so we see the real you. IDIOTS!
- **@pvfjr:** who do they have doing the bleeper on this concert, mark sanchez? you're supposed to hit the button before the actual profanity dude
- **@MMViverito:** #FiscalCliff, really? Get #fu**ing grip (R)s. Wake up from your pie'n sky netherworld. Real life of #99% is THE wake up call. #ListenUp!

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In the news

Hillary Clinton leaves hospital

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton left the hospital yesterday where she was being treated for a blood clot. Clinton left New York Presbyterian Hospital in the afternoon, according to the Daily News. She is reportedly being treated for a blood clot that is near her brain, which was found after she had a concussion.

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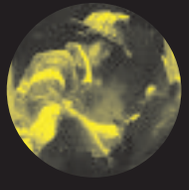
In the news



2012 sees fewest fire deaths

Last year was the lowest year on record for fire fatalities, Mayor Michael Bloomberg announced yesterday with Fire Commissioner Salvatore Cassano. 2012 brought both the fewest civilian fire deaths and the fastest average ambulance response time for life-threatening emergencies, according to the city. The 58 fire deaths in 2012 were four fewer than the previous record, which was 62 deaths in 2010.

Suspect shot after striking cop with car

BRONX. A man accused of hitting a cop with his car during a traffic stop was shot by another officer as he tried to flee the scene.

According to the NYPD, two officers working with the Bronx Gang Unit pulled over a man driving a Honda near Grand Avenue and Tremont Avenue on Tuesday around 5 p.m.

As the officers approached the car, the driver accelerated and hit one of the officers with his vehicle. The other officer fired a shot at the driver, striking him in the leg, the NYPD said.

The suspect fled in his car and later struck a parked car at Van Nest Avenue and Matthews Avenue. He was taken into custody and brought to Jacobi Hospital where he was in stable condition, the NYPD said.

The officer who was hit with the car was also taken to Jacobi Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. METRO/CG

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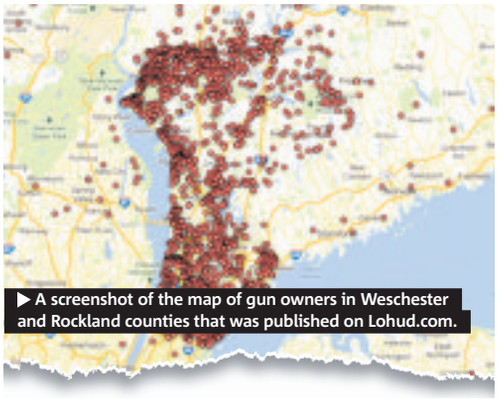
Newspaper receives scare after printing gun map



▶ A screenshot of the map of gun owners in Weschester and Rockland counties that was published on Lohud.com.

Employees of the Journal News have returned to their office after it was evacuated yesterday following the discovery of white powder inside an envelope, a source told Metro.

White Plains Police Commissioner David Chong confirmed that the department was investigating the incident at the paper's office in Westchester.

The White Plains-based newspaper has been at the center of controversy following its decision to publish a map last week that included the names and addresses of registered gun owners in Westchester and Rockland counties.

Critics and gun-owner groups have called for an advertising boycott of the paper.

"This wanton act by the Journal News has put in harm's way tens of thousands of lawful license-holders," the New York State Rifle & Pistol Association said in a statement on Monday.

Quoted

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The fallout from the map prompted the paper to hire armed guards to protect the company office.

A blogger on the website New Rochelle Talk posted an interactive map featuring the photos, names, addresses and phone numbers of employees of the Journal News. A Facebook page calling for a boycott of the newspaper has garnered more than 1,000 followers.

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In the news

BK sees lowest murder rate in decades

BROOKLYN. Brooklyn had the lowest murder rate since 1960 last year, District Attorney Charles Hynes said yesterday. Hynes said that last year had 149 murders, which is the first time it has been less than 150 since 1960. When Hynes took office, he said, 780 people were killed in the borough. He gave credit to the cops, local officials and Brooklynites themselves for the drop, noting that the NYPD has worked with local churches since 2008 to host gun buyback programs that took 2,400 weapons off the streets. **METRO/AB**

Local pols lambast delayed Sandy aid

MELANIE STETSON FREEMAN/THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR VIA GETTY IMAGES

▶ Janice Kennedy surveys the damage after her home in Staten Island was destroyed by Hurricane Sandy.

Politicians blasted the House of Representatives yesterday for delaying a bill that would flood Sandy-affected areas with billions of dollars of aid.

The House was scheduled to consider a $60.4 billion package, already passed by the Senate, but abruptly canceled the vote late Tuesday night.

New York politicians erupted in anger, saying people have waited too long already since the Oct. 29 storm and need funds to rebuild.

After the outrage, House Speaker John Boehner promised to push through the aid bill this month.

Republican Rep. Peter King announced yesterday afternoon that they will vote on $9 billion in federal assistance Friday.

Valerie Close, a Rockaway resident who became an activist after Sandy, told Metro she was disappointed by the Congressional delay.

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie took to Twitter to blast the inaction, with a dozen tweets including, "NJ and NY are tired of being treated like second-class citizens."

If the bill is not passed before the session ends, it would be tabled until the new Congress begins.

Governor Andrew Cuomo addressed the delay in a blistering string of criticisms.

"It was a disgrace," he said. "It was a dereliction of duty. … To leave New York and New Jersey and thousands of people in this holiday season on their own and abandoned was wrong and disgraceful."

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Quoted: Cuomo

"They actually reneged on their word, and they didn't vote on it. It is a failure. … It's inexcusable on every level."
NY GOV. ANDREW CUOMO

$60B Aid on the line in the delayed bill

Quoted: Christie

"Shame on you. Shame on Congress. It's absolutely disgraceful — and I have to tell you, this used to be something that was not political."
NJ GOV. CHRIS CHRISTIE

2013. Cold start

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New Yorkers take a plunge into icy water as part of the annual Polar Bear Club's swim on Jan. 1 in Coney Island. The event attracted hundreds who braved chilly Atlantic waters and temperatures in the upper 30s to celebrate the start of 2013. METRO

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Penn State sanctions will harm local economy, says Pa. governor in court bid

Pennsylvania Governor Tom Corbett said yesterday he will ask a federal court to throw out the multimillion-dollar sanctions levied by the NCAA against Penn State University over the Jerry Sandusky sex-abuse scandal, saying the punishment threatens to cause devastating damage to the state's residents and economy.

The sanctions, which included an unprecedented $60 million fine, are "overreaching and unlawful," the governor said at a news conference in State College where the university is located.

The National Collegiate Athletic Association fined Penn State $60 million in July and voided its football victories for the past 14 seasons in a dramatic rebuke for its failure to stop Sandusky's sexual abuse of children.

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▶ Corbett rejected any political motivation for the lawsuit.

"This was a criminal matter, not a violation of NCAA rules," Corbett said. He added that he believed the NCAA acted as it did because it benefited from the sizable penalty.

"These punishments threaten to have a devastating, long-lasting and irreparable effect on the state, its citizens and its economy," the governor said. "I cannot and will not stand by and let it happen without a fight."

The Republican governor has come under criticism for his handling of the scandal, which was revealed by a grand jury he convened in 2009 when he was Pennsylvania's attorney general.

State Attorney General-elect Kathleen Kane, a Democrat, said during her campaign last year that by convening the grand jury, Corbett failed to protect children by delaying prosecution for more than two years. She has vowed to probe his handling of the case. Corbett has said he would welcome such an investigation. **REUTERS**

$50M

Per the governor's office, Penn State football was the second-most profitable collegiate athletic program in the nation in 2010-11 when it brought in $50 million, earning more than $5 million in tax revenue.

In the news

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▶ Holiday shoppers

Fiscal cliff did nothing to dampen holiday spending

NEW YORK. The "fiscal cliff" drama that dominated the news and spooked businesses and financial markets did little to dampen spending by shoppers this holiday season.

A new Reuters/Ipsos poll shows nearly three-quarters of Americans said the debate around the fiscal cliff had no impact on their holiday spending. Fewer than 20 percent of those polled said they spent less during the season than they did in the 2011 holidays, according to the poll.

Holiday season sales overall – including December sales data from several chains due this week – were likely good, but not great. The expected rise in 2012 holiday spending is poised to show the smallest year-over-year gain since the recession led to a sales drop in 2008. **REUTERS**

Wall Street gains on cliff deal

NEW YORK. U.S. stocks began the new year with a broad rally yesterday, sparked by a last-minute deal in Washington to avert the "fiscal cliff" of tax hikes and spending cuts that threatened to derail the economy.

In 2013's first trading session, the S&P 500 was on target for its best percentage gain since Nov. 19 and highest close since Oct. 19.

Congress passed a bill to prevent huge tax hikes and delay spending cuts that would have pushed the world's largest economy off a "fiscal cliff." **REUTERS**

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Gun purchasers set new record in December

The number of FBI background checks required for Americans buying guns set a record in December, as the Connecticut school massacre stirred interest in self-defense and prompted renewed talk of limits on firearms, according to FBI data.

The FBI said it recorded 2.8 million background checks during the month, surpassing the mark set in November of 2 million checks. The number was up 49 percent over December 2011, when the FBI performed a then-record 1.9 million checks.

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▶ Consumer demand

Consumer demand for guns appears to have accounted for the uptick in activity. There were no changes in FBI background-check procedures that would have affected the December numbers, FBI spokesman Stephen Fischer said.

December is typically the busiest month of the year for checks, due in part to Christmas gift sales. REUTERS

19%

FBI checks for all of 2012 totaled 19.6 million, an annual record and an increase of 19 percent over 2011.

Survivors from Sandy Hook make return to school

Many of the children who escaped the massacre at a Newtown, Conn., elementary school got their first glimpse of their new school yesterday, which has been decked out as a "Winter Wonderland" with the help of thousands of kids from around the country.

More than 400 Sandy Hook Elementary School students will return to classes today for the first time since the Dec. 14 attack, but yesterday afternoon the children and their parents were invited for a walk-through at their new school in neighboring Monroe.

The shooting stunned the nation, prompting President Obama to call it the worst day of his presidency and reigniting an extensive debate on gun control.

▶ Children mourn at a Sandy Hook memorial.

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What to expect

When the students return, they will find all of the belongings they left behind when they evacuated Sandy Hook. They will also find the classrooms and hallways decorated with paper snowflakes made by students across the globe.

In response to the attack, the National Rifle Association called for armed guards to patrol every public school in the country.

Police will be on hand when the pupils arrive at the former Chalk Hill Middle School in Monroe, about eight miles south of the Sandy Hook school. Sandy Hook remains an active crime scene. REUTERS

Aurora shooting evidence to be made public

Evidence from a shooting in July in a Colorado movie theater, that killed 12 movie-goers and wounded 58, will be made public for the first time at a hearing next week, prosecutors said yesterday.

The evidence will be presented to a district judge who will decide if there are sufficient grounds for James Holmes, accused of the shootings, to stand trial.

Attorneys said they were prepared to proceed next Monday with a preliminary hearing, at which prosecutors will lay out their evidence so that Arapahoe County District Judge William Sylvester may decide if there is a basis for trying Holmes. REUTERS

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Apple testing new iPhone and iOS 7, says site

BANGALORE. Apple Inc. has started testing a new iPhone and the next version of its iOS software, news website The Next Web reported.

The company's shares rose as much as 4.3 percent but eased a little to trade up 3 percent at $546.11 by midday on the Nasdaq.

Application developers have found in their app usage logs references to a new iPhone identifier, iPhone 6.1, running the iOS 7 operating system, the website reported.

Apple's iPhone 5 bears the identifiers "iPhone 5.1" and "iPhone 5.2" and is powered by the iOS 6 operating system.

Developer logs show that the app requests originate from an Internet address on Apple's Cupertino campus, suggesting that Apple engineers are testing compatibility for some of the popular apps, the website said. "Although OS and device data can be faked, the unique IP footprint leading back to Apple's Cupertino campus leads us to believe this is not one of those attempts." **REUTERS**

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Americans believe in love at first sight: Study

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▶ Display of affection

Most Americans believe in love at first sight, have never read their partner's e-mail and think good sex is very important to a successful relationship, a poll released yesterday showed.

They also cited a partner's TV choices as the most annoying source of strife — more than household chores, bedside reading or cleaning the bathroom.

"Fifty-six percent of Americans believe in love at first sight, and the percentage is even higher for married people and those in relationships," according to CBS.com, which conducted the "60 Minutes"/Vanity Fair poll.

The survey of 1,100 adults about love, marriage and relationships also revealed that only 17 percent have peeked into their other half's e-mail, and just 6 percent do not think a healthy sex life is essential for a lasting union.

Despite the old jokes, nearly three-quarters of Americans have no problem getting along with their in-laws, but the number dropped to 62 percent for couples living together. The majority said they get along well with their significant other's family.

Just 6 percent said "they like me, but I don't like them."

When asked which marriage vow is the hardest to keep, 26 percent said "to be faithful," only slightly less than the 28 percent who named "for better or for worse" the most challenging. **REUTERS**

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Of Americans believe in love at first sight

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In the news

Richest in the world got $241B richer in 2012

NEW YORK. The richest people on the planet got even richer in 2012, adding $241 billion to their collective net worth, according to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index, a daily ranking of the world's 100 wealthiest individuals.

The aggregate net worth of the world's top moguls stood at $1.9 trillion at the market close on Dec. 31, according to the index. Retail and telecommunications fortunes surged about 20 percent on average during the year. Of the 100 people who appeared on the final ranking of 2012, only 16 registered a net loss for the 12-month period. **BLOOMBERG**

Young, urban Indians find political voice after bus gang rape of student

When Preeti Joshi heard of the gang rape of a fellow student, she joined a movement of thousands of outraged young Indians who have taken to the streets of New Delhi almost every day protesting for justice and security for women.

Beaten and raped by five men and a teenager on a moving bus in the capital on Dec. 16, the 23-year-old student died from her injuries on Saturday, her plight shaking the conscience of many urban middle class Indians who consider gender rights as important as poverty alleviation.

India's politicians, seen as out of touch with the aspirations of the urban middle class, have been caught off guard by the protests. For the first time, they head into national elections due by May 2014 with women's rights as an issue. Even so, the issue is unlikely to be the defining one.

Massive rural vote banks have been untouched by demands for gender equality and the fury across India's cities may fade, just as unprecedented protests in New Delhi over corruption did 16 months ago.

"Rural populations in this country are more concerned about basics such as development," said Ranjana Kumari, director of the Centre for Social Research, a Delhi-based gender rights think-tank. This jars with what urban protesters like Joshi want.

"I thought we lived in the world's biggest democracy where our voices counted and meant something. Politicians need to see that we need more than bijli, sadak, paani (power, roads, water)," said Joshi, 21, a student of social sciences at Delhi's Jawaharlal Nehru University. **REUTERS**

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▶ Young girls attend a prayer ceremony for a rape victim after a rally.

Government under fire

The government's initial response to the attack drew criticism.

It angered protesters by trying to throttle the largely peaceful demonstrations by imposing emergency policing laws, barricading roads and closing down underground train stations. And it was a week before Prime Minister Manmohan Singh made a statement in which he appealed for calm and promised to create a safer environment for women. One senior government official said Singh had been waiting for the home minister and the Delhi authorities to deal with the issue first.

Quoted

"The girl's assault and death were the lancing of wounds that have festered for years. Women had shut up for fear of social pressures, but now there's a collective voice to demand change."
RENUKA CHOWDHURY, PARLIAMENTARIAN

"This is for the first time, perhaps, that politicians are seeing women as a constituency."
CHOWDHURY

In the news

UN lifts Syrian death toll to 'shocking' 60K

More than 60,000 people have died in Syria's uprising and civil war, the United Nations said yesterday, dramatically raising the death toll in a struggle that shows no sign of ending.

In the latest violence, dozens were killed in a rebellious Damascus suburb when a government air strike turned a petrol station into an inferno, incinerating drivers who had rushed there for a rare chance to fill their tanks, activists said. "The number of casualties is much higher than we expected and is truly shocking," U.N. Human Rights Commissioner Navi Pillay said. **REUTERS**

59,648
Number of people killed in Syria from March 15, 2011 to Nov. 30, 2012

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Gossip news you may have missed over break

Welcome back to the daily grind, dear readers If you're nervous that you lost your gossip know-how along with your sanity over the holiday break, have no fear Here is what you may have missed while you were trying to survive your family

The proud parents-to-be

Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie (very allegedly) got married

The Telegraph reports that the Most Famous Couple in the World™ got hitched on Christmas Day in the Turks and Caicos in front of their children and **Brad**'s close family. Is it me or is this the most anti-climatic celebrity marriage ever? Unless the two reenacted the nuptials of **Pamela Anderson** and **Kid Rock** with **Jolie** drunkenly donning a white bikini and sailor cap while chugging from a champagne bottle, I couldn't care less.

Kate Winslet married some dude with a ridiculous name

Yes, the Oscar-winner secretly married a man who changed his name to **Ned Rocknroll**. Rocknroll is **Richard Branson**'s nephew, and he and the actress wed in front of her two children and a small number of friends in early December. **Leonardo DiCaprio** gave her away. Winslet's spokesman said: "The couple had been engaged since the summer." I guess it could be worse. She could have married someone named Evan Easy Listening.

Kim Kardashian is pregnant with Kanye West's baby

Oh boy. Just when you thought **Kardashian** couldn't top that time she filed for divorce 72 days after her over-the-top, televised wedding to **Kris Humphries** in terms of media manipulation, girlfriend goes ahead and gets knocked up by **Kanye West**. The rapper broke the happy news on Sunday night to his audience at Revel Resort's Ovation Hall. In a song mentioning Kardashian, he revealed, "Now you having my baby." Gossips the world over are hard at work trying to figure out how far along Kardashian is (TMZ is saying 12 weeks) and the mom-to-be told "Entertainment Tonight" that so far, "I wouldn't say it has been easy but no morning sickness." The sage of our times also noted that pregnancy "is not as easy as people think." Is this news boring to you? Get over it — everything she has to say about this fetus will be recounted ad nauseum for the next eight or so months of your life.

The feed ...

Celebrities rang in the new year on Twitter.

@ChrisColfer: Happy New Year everyone! Hope 2013 is everything you want it to be! Unless you're a Mayan enthusiast, then my condolences.

@azizansari RAMP UP 2013 RIGHT NOW, THROW ON MARK MORRISON'S RETURN OF THE MACK RIGHT NOW

@ConanOBrien: To ring in the New Year, I'm heading to D.C. to watch Congress drop the ball.#whatdoyoumeanimthe5000000thpersontomakethisjoke?

@KatieCouric: In 2013 I am going to try to declutter my life. Floss more. Write more handwritten thank you notes. What about you??

@Snooki: I LOVE U! Ur amazing and you made my 2012 AMAZING ! Thank u for giving me Lorenzo, I love my family. NOW LETS GET MARRIED! @JLaValle

O'Brien

Talking points

Ke$ha opens up to Seventeen magazine

Ke$ha tells the latest issue of Seventeen that the sex of a person she wants to date doesn't matter. Instead, she looks at the whole person. "I don't love just men. I love people. It's not about a gender. It's just about the spirit that exudes from that other person you're with," she tells the magazine. She also recounts how she uses setbacks she experienced earlier in her life to motivate her career. "I remember every person who told me I couldn't do something or that I was ugly or too fat. I have a 's— list' — people from my past who have been soulless and judgmental. Even after I got through my awkward phase, got my braces off and figured out how to dress my body, people in the music business were like, 'You're never going to make it.' I see them now and I'm like, 'Ha!'"

Zolciak on losing the baby weight

Just four months after giving birth to son **Kash**, her second baby in 15 months, reality star **Kim Zolciak** shows off her post-baby body in the new issue of Life & Style. "I've lost 30 pounds," the "Real Housewives of Atlanta" star reveals. "I'm only 5 to 8 pounds above my weight before I got pregnant. I think breastfeeding helped me lose some weight, and I was really busy as soon as I got home with Kash. I went straight into filming my spin-off show, 'Don't Be Tardy…' [which returns to Bravo in the spring], and I'm sure that helped. I just never sat still!" But she still hasn't met her target. "I'm a size 4 right now, and my goal is to get down to a size 2," she notes. "I'm accepting that I'm going to have to hit the gym — my girls [**Brielle**, 15, and **Arianna**, 11] laugh and say there's no chance, but I really think I'm going to have to."

Celebrities hard at work on New Year's Eve

1: Dennis Thomas of Kool & The Gang raised a glass at the Seminole Casino Coconut Creek in Coconut Creek, Fla.

2: Psy rocked Times Square in front of a mini NYE Waterford crystal ball.

3: Carmen Electra was the special guest at the New Year's Eve celebration at The Palazzo in Las Vegas.

4: Justin Bieber was the featured performer at Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve in Los Angeles.

5: Anthony Kiedis of The Red Hot Chili Peppers performed at The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas.

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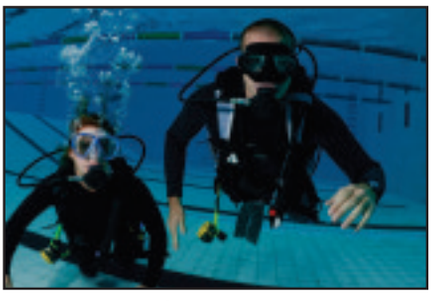
New! MTV's *WakeBrothers*: Wake boarding superstars Phil and Bob Soven, who star in MTV's *WakeBrothers*, will chat with fans about their "extreme" experiences as two of the nation's top-rated professional wake boarders (Friday and Saturday only).

New! SCUBA dive by day and paddleboard by night: The new DEMA 'Be a Diver' heated pool offers visitors the opportunity to try scuba diving and test some of the latest scuba equipment. As an added bonus, divers will receive an underwater photo of themselves as a keepsake of their scuba adventure. In the evenings, exercise buffs who are bored with the gym can shake up their routines with a paddle boarding fitness class after



work, courtesy of Downunder Paddling of CT. The group is also offering free demonstrations of their SurfSET and CORfit classes on a simulated body of water throughout the show. Daily demos include introductions and advanced techniques of Stand-Up Paddling (SUP), which combines surfing and kayaking (must be 10 years or older for pool activities).

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MANHATTAN **Monday, January 7th** **6:00PM - 9:00PM**	Hunter College Auditorium (Entrance on E. 69th Street) 695 Park Avenue New York NY 10065
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STATEN ISLAND **Tuesday, January 15th** **6:00PM - 9:00PM**	Staten Island Borough Hall 10 Richmond Terrace Staten Island, NY 10301

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TV watch list

'Kathy Griffin: Kennedie Center On-Hers'

SPECIAL. The comedian takes on Miley Cyrus and the Real Housewives in her latest stand-up special — but not, as far as we're aware, Anderson Cooper. She already had her way with him on New Year's Eve.
10 p.m., Bravo

'What Not to Wear'

REALITY. Clinton and Stacy offer wardrobe advice to '80s pop star Tiffany. Rule No. 1: Burn everything you wore as an '80s pop star.
Season premiere, 10 p.m., TLC

'The Big Bang Theory'

COMEDY. Sheldon is accused of the most un-Sheldon act imaginable: sexually harassing a woman. **8 p.m., CBS**
AMBER RAY

5 REASONS TO HEAD TO THEATERS THIS WEEKEND

Must-see

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▶ Alexandra Daddario stars as Heather Miller in "Texas Chainsaw Massacre 3D."

'Texas Chainsaw 3D'

1 Leatherface has had as many incarnations in Hollywood as he has had gross homemade masks. This time a new cast of young unknowns do battle with the serial-killing power tool aficionado.

2 'The Impossible' Naomi Watts and Ewan McGregor star in this heartbreaking retelling of one family's real-life experience of surviving the 2004 tsunami in Thailand.

3 'Promised Land' Matt Damon and John Krasinski co-star in this thoughtful film about one salesman's internal conflict when he attempts to push fracking onto a small town.

4 'Les Miserables' Tom Hooper directs this adaptation of the world-famous musical set in early 1800s France, starring Hugh Jackman, Russell Crowe, Anne Hathaway and Amanda Seyfried.

5 'Django Unchained' Quentin Tarantino returns with a revenge epic to rival his 2009 hit, "Inglourious Basterds." Jamie Foxx stars as a freed slave turned bounty hunter, out to rescue his wife, Broomhilda (Kerry Washington). **METRO**

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Capturing the heartbreak that's 'West of Memphis'

Damien Echols has spent his entire adult life — the past 18 years — on death row for a crime he claims he didn't commit, as one of the West Memphis Three, convicted of brutally murdering three eight-year-old boys in 1993. The latest documentary about Echols' struggle, "West of Memphis," chronicles the tireless work that led to the release of Echols, Jason Baldwin and Jessie Misskelley. But as Echols explains, that work is far from over.

▶ Damien Echols, once a death row inmate, hopes to one day be fully exonerated. His story is told in Amy Berg's documentary, "West of Memphis," which is in theaters now.

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My first reaction after seeing this film was that I didn't want to interview you, that I'd rather you and your wife just be left alone.

Thank you. This is f—ing miserable. I've done 23 interviews, two photo shoots and a press conference in one day. And we've been on the road for two-and-a-half months now doing this, and it's f—ing miserable. It's having to talk about the thing that you hate most in the world over and over and over and over. You don't ever get a chance to rest, you don't ever get a chance to heal.

You pretty much went right from prison to promoting the movie?

This whole last year has been like a frantic scramble to try to build some sort of a foundation that we can have a life on. And in a lot of ways it's been kind of hellish, just trying to — oh gosh, I can't even describe it. But in a way it's like a necessary evil for us, because we have to keep doing this. If we want to be exonerated, if we want the person in prison that belongs in prison and we want the people who did this to us held responsible, we have to keep talking about this or it's never going to happen. They'll sweep this under the rug and forget about it. They're hoping we'll fade away.

On trial

Do you see this film as a chance to make your case in the court of public opinion?

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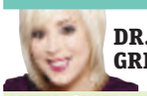

DR. JANE GREER
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Even as the photos of Taylor Swift with new boyfriend Harry Styles are pouring in, the old ones of the superstar with ex-beau Conor Kennedy are still fresh in our minds. You remember them, don't you, those images of the two lovebirds smiling, hair blowing in the wind, as they walk on the beach or take a sail? Celebrities have to deal with this all the time: published pictures of ex loves. The images are out there, on magazine covers and blogs, impossible to erase completely even after they have moved on. But what happens if you aren't in the public eye? Say, for example, that you've been dating for a few months now. Everything is great and your new relationship is growing at a comfortable rate. But last night he found that big box behind the couch, the one with all the pictures and letters from your old boyfriend. It was the first time you saw him get really angry, jealous even. He accused you of holding onto the stuff because you are still attached to your ex. So what do you do? Do you have to get rid of it all? What if you don't want to?

▶ Swift

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▶ Styles

The most important thing that can come into play here is communication. Explain that you are not holding onto these things because you still have feelings for your former partner, but rather because you are holding onto the part of yourself you discovered then. In truth, it has less to do with the person you left behind and more to do with the shared history that was a marker on your past. Instead of thinking of it as a barrier between you and your new partner, think of it as a bread crumb trail to who you were, and that way you can share how you've grown.

If, on the other hand, the mementos have no real meaning, then it is fine to just throw them out. But before you do that, accept that they can often be less about the person you were involved with and more about who you were when you were with that person. Knowing that gives clarity to the meaning of those pictures and letters.

— Relationship expert **Dr. Jane Greer** *is the creator of* ***"Shrink Wrap"*** *– national commentary on what we can learn from celebrity relationships – and host of* ***"Let's Talk Sex"*** *at* ***Healthylife.net.*** *Her book,* ***"What About Me? Stop Selfishness From Ruining Your Relationship,"*** *is available nationwide.*

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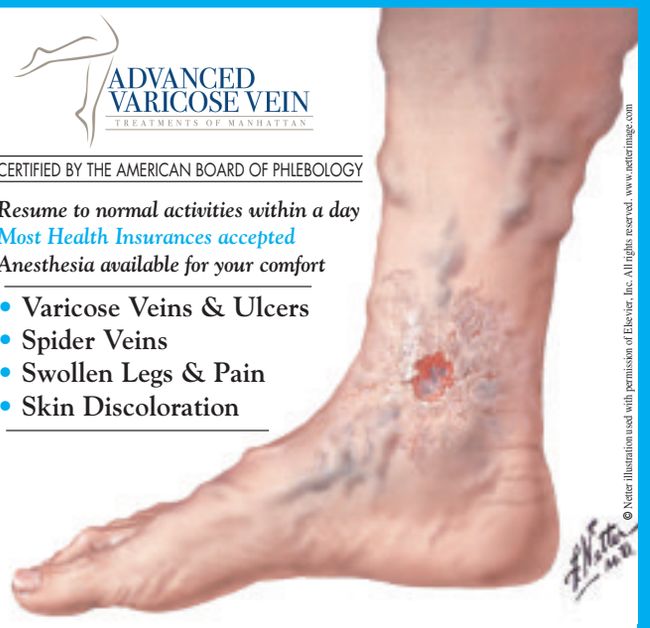
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♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** If you're not careful, you could be drawn into a costly situation while socializing with friends. Watch out for someone looking to you to pay the lion's share.
♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Making a big commitment before taking the time to think things through could work to your detriment. You could easily sabotage yourself if you're not careful.
♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Even if you are normally an industrious person, you can still allow laziness to prevent you from accomplishing anything important. Don't let it do so.
♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** If a close confederate tends to be a bit of a loose cannon, don't go along with any of his or her harebrained schemes. You'd be held accountable for the consequences as well.
♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Don't allow a disagreement with your mate or special someone to become sticky. Even if the other party is totally unyielding, keep your head. For the sake of peace, make the first overture.
♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** For some strange reason, you might not be too capable in the do-it-yourself department. If at all possible, it behooves you to avoid anything requiring work with sharp tools.
♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Miscalculations in your financial dealings could wreak some serious damage in the long run. First and foremost, be as prudent and cautious as you can when dealing with the green stuff.
♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Being too rigid when dealing with others will make for some painful experiences for you. Regardless of your own predilections, hang loose.
♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Your customary pleasant but glib personality won't get you out of trouble. In fact, it might only serve to get you in deeper. Be mindful of what you say at all times.
♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Your gains could diminish or take a beating if you engage in any unreasonable financial shenanigans. Things could turn out rather poorly if you make an unwise move.
♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Tread warily in all career-related situations. Without realizing it, you could promise more than you can deliver, or use tactics that would hurt your image.

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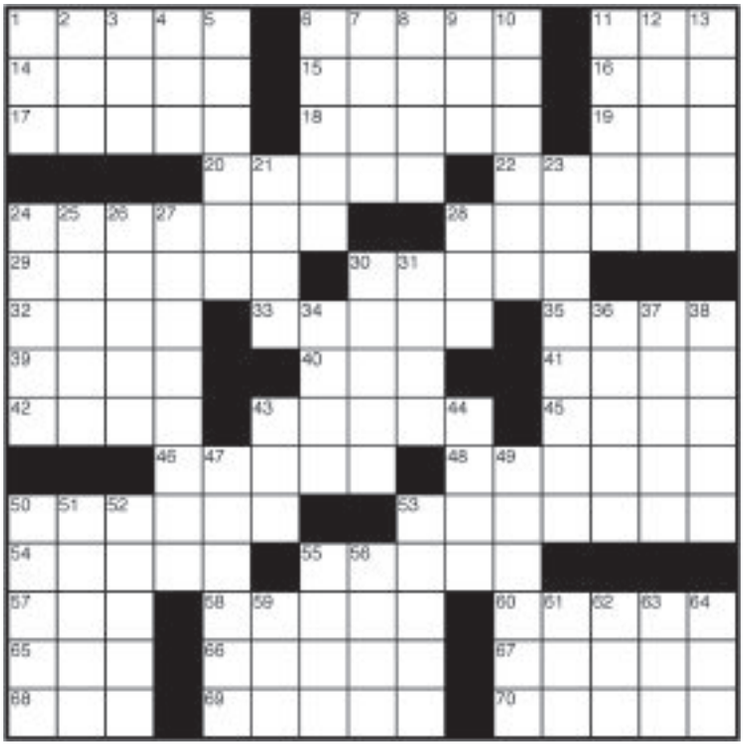
Solution to yesterday's crossword



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Letters

Your house is a bit smaller than the US

RE: "A PENNY SAVED IS A PENNY EARNED" (METRO, JAN. 2) Letter writer Larry Penner makes the age-old mistake of equating government with an ordinary household. Government builds and maintains things like roads, armies, weather satellites, ports, parks, police, food inspection, disease research labs, immigration offices, schools and thousands of other things households of four can't and don't do. None of this is cheap or simple, so we need to stop treating it as if it is.

JOSEPH CONNELL, VIA E-MAIL

Too little, too late

Regarding the so-called fiscal cliff: It is better to wait and make a good deal than hurry and make a bad deal.

EARL BARNETT, VIA E-MAIL

Stories don't die with old year

The biggest news stories of 2012 had to be Hurricane Sandy, which wreaked such devastation and whose effects will be felt by many for years to come.

"It's been a long year and we often forget those 'stories' at the beginning of the year." DIBELLO

Some people will never regain what they once possessed.
Right on the heels of that is the Newtown massacre, which shook our nation's faith in humanity and again the devastation of those families and loved ones will be felt for years, perhaps forever. Basically nothing can help a parent's pain and grief. It's a long year, and we often forget those "stories" at the beginning of the year by the time the end comes. The sudden passing of Whitney Houston was a shock to many of her fans, and in some ways aged us all. Finally, the historic re-election of President Obama gave us faith that those regular people amongst us had a strong voice and vote. In that regard the biggest winners were the president, Democrat party and all those supporters, while Mitt Romney and the Republicans have to go back to the drawing board and figure out why they are so disdained by the most populated states. Happy New Year.

DAVID DIBELLO, VIA E-MAIL

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THE MALT MASTER KNOWS

We ask the longest-serving Scotch malt master for his tips on drinking the best bottles Fifty years and 400,000 whisky casks later, he knows his stuff

David Stewart, known throughout the Scotch industry as the "modest man of whisky" began working at The Balvenie Distillery in 1962 (that's 50 years of Scotch drinking, lucky man). So who better to ask for a few tips on how to act like a Scotch drinking pro than him?

Check the age: "If you're drinking a 12, 15 or a younger-blended whisky, I'd recommend adding a little bit of still, clean water at room temperature," says Stewart on how to best sip it. "The water helps to open up the aromas and the flavor of it. For an aged whisky such as a 30- or 40-year-old or beyond, you wouldn't add any water because it's so smooth, mellow and rich already. Enjoy it after a meal or even with a cigar."

Glassware helps: Stewart notes that real Scotch pros use a tulip-shaped glass, which has a small opening at the top to help to capture the aroma. "Have a sniff of it. Smell the nice florals and sweetness before sipping," he instructs. Stewart notes that a normal tumbler is fine to use in a pinch but "the aromas can disperse quite quickly" in that kind of glass.

The region will influence the taste: "There are so many different flavors of Scotch," he notes. "From the floral, sweet, honey flavors that you get from the Speyside region of Scotland all the way to the smoky, peaty flavors that you get from the islands off the West Coast," he says. If you're looking for a lighter, more delicate experience, look for distilleries located in the middle of the country.

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The label tells all

"Most single-malts start at 10 years old and get up to 30 and 40 years old," he says. "The older the age, the more you'll have to spend." Stewart also recommends looking at what kind of cask is used, a distinction that should be noted on the bottle. "Sherry casks or special finishes will influence the taste."

More on Scotch

Drink up

In honor of Stewart's 50th anniversary with the company, Balvenie Distillery is releasing a special bottle called The Balvenie Fifty, which was distilled in 1962. Just 88 bottles of The Balvenie Fifty are available with the cost of $30,000 per bottle. "Whisky evaporates over the years. So when it was filled in June 1962, this cask held 350 bottles. But with the evaporation, we were left with just 88 bottles. It's so very rare that it's worth the cost."

Park yourself next to this car

Hot chef

While traveling around the world, Aaron Sanchez picks up flavors and recipe ideas to funnel back to his kitchen at Tacombi Tacqueria, where tacos are crafted in a Volkswagon parked in the middle of the restaurant. Purposely low-key, Tacombi offers a spot to grab a sparkling sangria or Michelada with friends and indulge in a taco binge. Make sure to try the corn esquites, a mixture of toasted corn with lime and a delicious chipotle mayonnaise. Tacos range from beef picadillo to shrimp a la diabla, sure to delight avocado lovers. Breakfast tacos, like huevos con chorizo, are also served all day long. Whether Sanchez is in Monterrey trying out goat meat or brainstorming with his Food Network colleagues, his ideas all trickle back to the kitchen — and the tacos — at the unique Nolita spot.

What's inspired you lately from your travels?

I just spent a month in Monterrey, Mexico. They're very well known there for their baby goat, their kid — cabrito. It's a wonderful, luscious meat that's never really had any food — it's only had its mother's milk. It's just a flavor that's so unique and different. I really want to do some of that here, just picking up the idea of different regional dishes.

Aaron Sanchez is the chef at Tacombi Tacqueria (267 Elizabeth St., 917-727-0179). He also regularly appears on Food Network.

Q&A

What are your favorite ingredients to work with right now?

I like the idea of having different squashes and smoking them and playing with different flavors. I like serving smoked pumpkin puree. I'll take big pieces — it's just a wonderful sort of sauce for duck. So I'm playing with the idea of chili and smoke.

What are you excited to incorporate this season?

I want to start doing some particular moles that I haven't played with a lot. I want to start focusing on the black mole. I want to do this thing called chimole, where you literally burn the chilies and the vegetables and you get this really dark, intense pureed sauce, chimole. I've been working with a lot of chefs from Mexico, my TV shows, and these guys have been really inspiring me, I'm taking a page from their book.

What do you do to relax?

I just love sitting in front of the fire. I have a home in Long Island, Greenport. I put a fire on and watch a movie with my kids and my wife. I'll cook. I have a grill in the back.

ALISON BOWEN

Listings

ART

'The Art of Scent'
Now through Feb. 24, Museum of Art and Design, 2 Columbus Circle, $15
Organized chronologically, the group show features 12 fragrances, each representing a different aesthetic school. Visitors take in the scent while gaining an understanding of its making and historical context. Curated by Chandler Burr, former perfume critic for the New York Times, this groundbreaking exhibition succeeds in validating the art form. **MINDY BOND**

STAGE

'There There'
Now through Jan. 12, The Chocolate Factory, 5-49 49 Ave., Queens, $20
Kristen Kosmas is a compelling performer with a distinct poetic voice — rhythmic and humorous and verbose. In this show, she expresses her appreciation for Vassily from Chekhov's "Three Sisters" by relating her own neuroses and antisocial behaviors to his sociopathic struggles with interaction. **JOHN PEACOCK**

FILM

Franz Kafka's 'The Metamorphosis'
Sunday and Monday, MoMA, 11 W. 53 St., $25
This is the U.S. premiere of the Quay Brothers' unique interpretation of Kafka's 1915 masterpiece of absurdist fiction, "The Metamorphosis." The three showings include a live musical score by Russian-born French pianist Mikhail Rudy and give you a chance to see the complete exhibit one last time. **JASON DIAMOND**

WIKIPEDIA

▶ Animal Collective's 2005 album, "Feels," boasts a cover inspired by Henry Darger's style.

Art

Henry Darger: 'Landscapes'

Now through Feb. 2, Ricco Maresca Gallery, 529 W. 20 St., free
Henry Darger, the Chicago custodian who became posthumously known as one of the great outsider artists of the 20th century for his strange and beautiful artworks, has never been more in vogue. This retrospective, covering a decade of Darger's work, should be high on your list of things to see this winter. **JD**

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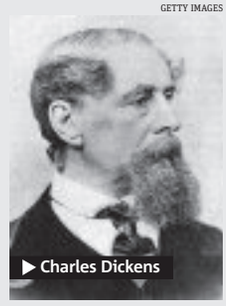
Exhibit

'Charles Dickens: The Key to Character'

Now through Jan. 27, New York Public Library, Fifth Ave. at 42 St., free
"Charles Dickens: The Key to Character" explores just how timeless the writer's characters are, as well as the cinematographers, dramatists, composers and even fashion designers who have been inspired by his work. **JD**



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In the news

Vilma invokes Jets in outburst

Saints linebacker, and former Jet, Jon Vilma ripped an anonymous source who called for the firing of Saints defensive coordinator Steve Spagnuolo.

"I'm bothered you reported it," he said. "We're not the Jets who run to the media for everything."

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Iman Shumpert puts in time at team practice

Swingman Iman Shumpert (ACL) actually worked out with the team in defensive drills and half-court offensive sets yesterday.

He did not participate in any contact drills, though. Shumpert is still weeks away from his first action since last May but was seen playing a lot at point guard in the offensive sets, a sign that he'll also ease the load on Pablo Prigioni and Jason Kidd until Raymond Felton returns in five to six weeks.

Veterans skip out on practice

The Knicks gave days off to Jason Kidd, Tyson Chandler and Carmelo Anthony, in what they've always dubbed as a "recovery day" for veterans.

All are expected to play against the Spurs. METRO/TW

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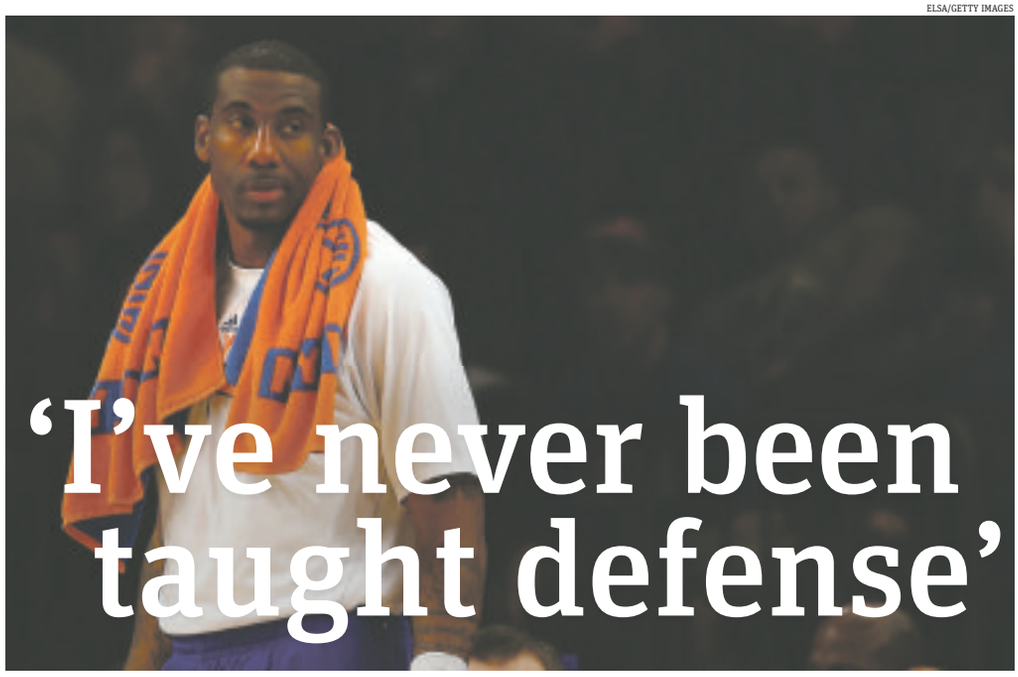

'I've never been taught defense'

Stoudemire drops quote of season at practice ◗ Team spent session on lagging defense ◗ Woodson taught him one-on-one

Apparently you can teach an old dog new tricks, as Knicks power forward Amar'e Stoudemire admitted following a spirited defensive practice that saw head coach Mike Woodson grilling the former all-star on the finer points of defense.

"Just having a defensive coach for the first time in my career is going to help," Stoudemire said. "I've never been taught defense my whole career. To now have a coach who actually teaches defense and strategies, and knows positioning and posture, and how to guard different plays, is going to be helpful. … I'm taking it as a challenge and [will] try to improve as a player."

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NBA fans who know Stoudemire's game may scoff at that quote because he was never known as even a solid defender. Stoudemire has always been a credible shot-blocking presence, averaging 1.4 blocks per game for his career, but as good a weakside shotblocker he's been, no teams have ever game planned for him on the defensive end.

"It's been a long drought from the last time we were able to practice our defense like this," Woodson said of yesterday's practice. "So we've had to teach and get guys committed the best way possible."

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Tomlinson backs Ryan

Former Jets running back LaDainian Tomlinson said yesterday that he sees head coach Rex Ryan as a big part of the franchise going forward despite the team's recent rough spell. Tomlinson, who retired at the end of last year, played the last two seasons of his storied career under Ryan.

"I think he's part of the solution. I really do," Tomlinson said on Sirius XM Radio's "Opening Drive," where he is a co-host. "Because there are certain qualities that you have to have as a head coach … and I just believe … being around Rex Ryan, hearing him talk, hearing the things he talks about — the game planning — I just believe he's the right guy."

Quoted

"I wouldn't say that they are not disciplined and Rex doesn't hold those guys accountable, because he does."
TOMLINSON, ON REX RYAN

It is a slightly different tone than at this time last year. Tomlinson was critical of the organization and in particular the locker room atmosphere following an 8-8 season. KRISTIAN DYER

NFL in brief

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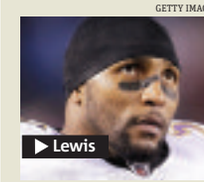

Lewis to retire after playoffs

RAVENS. The greatest Raven — if not the greatest middle linebacker — of all time will retire after the postseason.

Ray Lewis announced in a surprise move during a team meeting yesterday that he would call it quits once Baltimore is knocked out of the playoffs. They host the Colts in the wild-card round on Sunday.

Lewis, 37, has played 17 seasons in the NFL — all with the Ravens, who drafted him in the first round in their first draft in 1996.

He is a seven-time All Pro and two-time Defensive Player of the Year. METRO

Browns talk to Kelly, Reid meets Chiefs

COACHING. The coaching carousel continued yesterday as two names in high demand reportedly conducted interviews.

Oregon coach Chip Kelly will reportedly talk to Browns representatives in Arizona, where Kelly is coaching in the Fiesta Bowl, about their opening. Recently fired Eagles head coach Andy Reid interviewed with the Chiefs yesterday, and will also meet with the Cardinals about their opening. METRO

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Sometimes in life, we get burned. We then hold grudges, vowing to never come within 10 feet of the person that burned us again.

In fantasy sports, we can't have that attitude too much because it has the potential to create value for our opponents. But in some cases, it's warranted.

Missing hole

Former Chargers coach Norv Turner is a talented offensive play-caller that prefers to feature one back. The fact that he mixed Jackie Battle and Ronnie Brown in with **Ryan Mathews** is a major concern. Turner also said Mathews might lack the vision to be a star runner. Additionally, we have the issue of Mathews' health — he has missed eight games in his first three NFL seasons and been limited in a handful of others.

Ticked at Vick

Michael Vick hasn't been a difference-making player since 2010. What's scarier is that he's no longer a feared runner. Over his last 23 games, Vick has run for just two touchdowns. He'll turn 33 in June, a warning flag for whatever team he plays for in 2013.

Wanting it

It's usually a given that NFL players will give 100 percent effort every time out. That's not the case with **Chris Johnson**. Some games he appears engaged, hitting the hole hard, inviting contact and picking up blitzers. Other times, he goes down on the first hit and runs out of bounds. It's maddening.

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▶ Fool me thrice, Ryan Mathews? No thanks.

NFL news

Run DMC

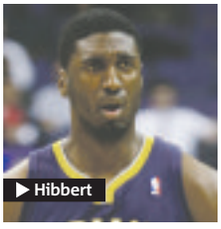
One of fantasy's biggest busts this season was **Darren McFadden**, who looked like a fish out of water in first-year offensive coordinator Greg Knapp's zone-blocking scheme. Well, Knapp has paid the price. He was canned this week and Oakland will bring back a power-running philosophy.

Bouncing back

These villains from 2012 will be worth targeting in 2013:

1. **Jimmy Graham, TE, NO —** Plagued by season-long wrist woes, Graham's drops were brutal. Once next year hits, he'll be 100 percent and have Sean Payton back.
2. **Cam Newton, QB, CAR —** A sophomore slump to start the year ruined fantasy owners' seasons. He still has No. 1 overall potential.
3. **Maurice Jones-Drew, RB, JAX —** After essentially taking a season off, MJD enters a contract year.

NBA trading: Guys to buy low on



▶ Hibbert

Roy Hibbert

C, Pacers
Coming into this season, Hibbert was a 48 percent shooter. This year, he's shooting a ghastly 39.5 percent from the field.

Andre Miller

PG, Nuggets
Even once Ty Lawson (heel) gets back, the Nuggets could stick with Miller as the starter. Lawson has been brutal.

Pau Gasol

PF, Lakers
It's obvious that Gasol isn't going to work with Mike D'Antoni's system. If/when a trade happens, he'll spread his wings again.

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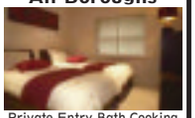
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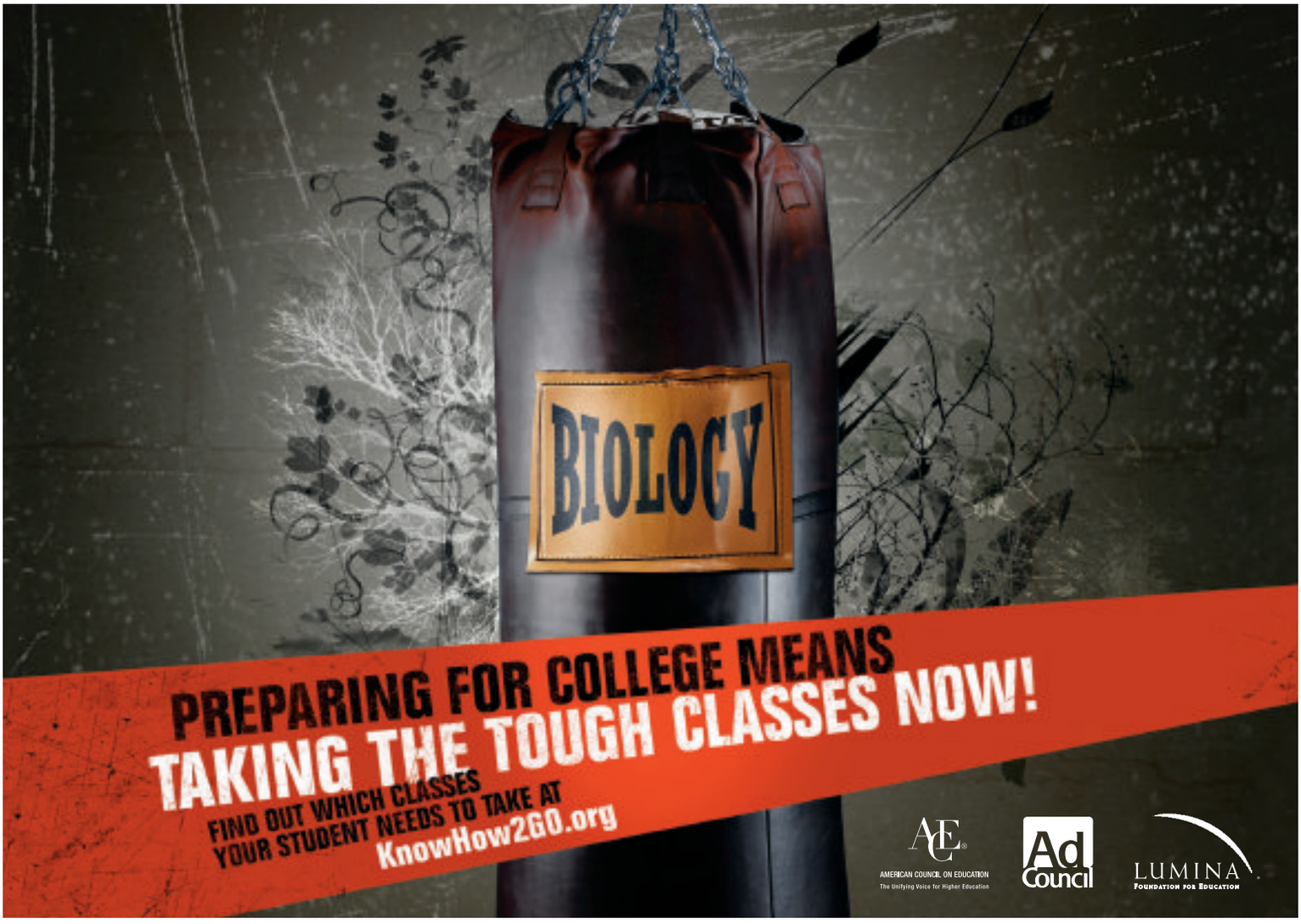

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